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CORRESPONDENCE

The Danish Arctic Station

Editor of the American Naturalist

Sir:— In the summer of the present year a permanent station for the study of Arctic science will be established on the south coast of Disco Island in Danish West Greenland. The cost of the foundation is defrayed by a gift from Mr. A. Holck, Counsellor of Justice, of Copenhagen, and the Danish Government has promised an annual grant of kroner 10,000 (\$2,500) toward its maintenance.

A laboratory, equipped with appliances and instruments, especially for biological researches, will be attached to the Station, and work places will be furnished for visiting naturalists, foreign as well as Danish. The visitors will have the free use of the instruments, traveling outfit, and library of the Station; lodging will be free and a small fee only will be charged for board. Cheap fare to and from the Station, *via* Copenhagen will be provided. The first visitors can be received in 1907, and notices, inviting application, will be issued in due course.

A library of Arctic literature is to be founded at the Station and to be made as complete as possible, but in view of the limited resources of the Station and the vastness of the Arctic literature, only a small proportion of it can be purchased. As the designed leader of the Station, I venture to ask you therefore, to be good enough to come to its assistance by giving to its library such works on Arctic (and Antarctic) Nature, and, especially on Arctic biology as you may have published or are going to publish in the future. The publications of the Station will, of course, be sent to you in return, and the Station and its leader will be glad to render you any service in their power.

In view of the arrangements to be made for the purchase of books, I would be very grateful to you, if you would inform me at the earliest possible date, whether the present appeal from the Danish Arctic Station will have the favor of your kind consideration.

I am,

Your most obedient servant

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